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The Lincolns of Virginia

LINCOLN FAMILIES ASSOCIATED WITH THE OLD DOMINION

The story of the Virginia Lincolns embraces biographical sketches of the pioneer, John Lincoln (1716-1788), his wife, five sons, four daughters, and their descendants. Particular emphasis is placed on the few families which remained in Virginia, while passing notice is given to those who finally took up their residences in other parts of the country.

Mention should also be made of Ann Lincoln (1725-1812), a sister of John, who married William Tallman. They settled near John Lincoln, and their descendants intermarried with many of the leading families of the Shenandoah Valley.

Apparently none of the other brothers and sisters of John and Ann followed them into Virginia. Hannah, who married Joseph Milliard, Mary, who married Francis Yarnall, and Sarah, who married George Boon, remained in Pennsylvania. Mordecai, Thomas, and Abraham, and their respective wives, Mary Webb, Mary Davis, and Mary Boon, all remained

in Pennsylvania where they are buried. There was an infant sister of John and Ann Lincoln Tallman named Deborah buried in New Jersey.

Among Lincoln students John Lincoln is known as "Virginia John" to distinguish him from his cousin John with whom he was associated in Pennsylvania. This pioneer of the Virginia Lincolns was born in Monmouth County, New Jersey, and was the son of Mordecai and Sarah Saltar Lincoln. The family first migrated into Pennsylvania and about 1765 into Virginia.

When John Lincoln reached the Shenandoah Valley he settled on Linville Creek in what was then Augusta County but later became Rockingham County. Here he acquired a very fine estate of 600 acres. John was about fifty years old when he purchased the Virginia property, and on this land he lived over twenty years, until the time of his death in 1788.

John's wife was Rebecca Flowers Morris, a widow of John Morris. The

names of the children of John Lincoln and his wife were Abraham, Hannah, Lydia, Isaac, Jacob, John, Sarah, Thomas, and Rebecca. None of the above children except Rebecca, the youngest daughter, were born in Virginia, but all of the children with possibly one exception were married in Virginia.

The will of John Lincoln, probated June 22, 1789, is on file in the Rockingham County Court House. The appraisal of his personal property, valued at 91 pounds, 19 shillings, 10 pence, is also filed. One of the most valuable sources of information about the family is the collection of papers in the legal proceedings in the settlement of the estate.

While it is very likely that the burials of John Lincoln and his wife were made in that piece of ground that has since become known as the Lincoln family burial ground, no tombstones mark their resting places.

Children of John Lincoln Who Migrated to Other States

Abraham Lincoln, 1744-1786

John Lincoln's oldest son Abraham was a prominent man in the Shenandoah Valley, often mentioned as Judge Advocate during the period of the Revolution. He was married in 1770, but the papers on file in the Augusta County Court House do not give the name of his bride. Ten years later, when he sold his land in preparation for his western migration, his wife signed her name as Bathsheba. It is claimed her surname was Herring.

It is not known definitely whether or not Bathsheba was Abraham's first wife and the mother of all his

children of which there were five. All of them were born in Virginia, namely, Mordecai, Josiah, Mary, Thomas (father of the President), and Nancy. The oldest child, Mordecai, was about eleven years old at the time of their removal to Kentucky in 1782.

Isaac Lincoln, 1750-1816

The second son of John Lincoln was serving as a constable in Augusta County as early as 1773, when he was but 23 years of age. He was the first of the Lincoln boys to migrate, and by 1775 was in Tennessee, connected in some way with the famous Henderson Company. He married Mary Ward and they had one child who died in childhood. Isaac died in Tennessee in 1816 and his wife survived until 1834. He was the owner of a large number of slaves and his land finally came into possession of members of President Andrew Johnson's family. It was on the Isaac Lincoln plantation in Tennessee that Andrew Johnson passed away. (See Lincoln Kinsman No. 14.)

John Lincoln, 1755-1835

John, named for his father, married Mary Yarnall in 1782. She was his cousin, a daughter of Francis and Mary Yarnall of Berks County, Pennsylvania. John settled about twelve miles from Harrisonburg at Turleyville, where he operated a gristmill, bark mill, and tan yard. At one time he was a deputy surveyor of the county. All of the children of John and Mary were born in Virginia: Jesse, Hannah, Abraham, Mordecai, Rachel, Isaac, Phoebe, Nancy Ann, Mary, Juliana, and John.

In 1819 the parents and many of the children moved to Ohio where John died in 1835. His wife's death preceded his by about two years, and they are both buried in the Baptist cemetery at Lebanon, Ohio. We shall have occasion to mention again some of the children who remained in Virginia.

Sarah Lincoln, 1757-

It seems likely that Sarah Lincoln joined the Tennessee colony of Lincolns, as she is said to have married a Mr. Dean, possibly John Dean, who in 1789 was in the Wautauga community where the Lincolns settled.

Thomas Lincoln, 1761-1819

Thomas, fifth son of John, married Elizabeth Casner in Rockingham County on September 23, 1782. For some time he lived with his widowed mother, but by 1792 he was residing in Fayette County, Kentucky, where he had purchased land on which he erected a distillery. The first four children, Elizabeth, Margaret, Catherine, and Abraham, were born in Virginia, while four more children, George, John, David, and Hannah, were born in Kentucky. Thomas died in Kentucky about 1819, but the date and place of his wife's death are not known.

Rebecca Lincoln, 1767-1840

The youngest daughter of John Lincoln, named Rebecca, married John Rimel. She and her husband moved to Tennessee and settled not far from her brother Isaac. The children of John and Rebecca were Isaac, John, Polly, Jacob, Abraham, Elias, Dorcas, Sally, Betsy, and

George. Her will was probated in Green County, Tennessee, March 11, 1841.

Children of John Lincoln Who Remained in Virginia

Hannah Lincoln, 1748-1803

Hannah Lincoln was the only daughter of the pioneer John Lincoln, who we are positive remained in Virginia throughout her life. She married John Harrison, son of Zebulon Harrison, and became one of the most active members of the Linville Creek Baptist Church where her name appears constantly on the record book of the congregation.

She was not interested only in religion, for there is record that she looked after the education of her children. She was one of the supporters of a subscription school taught by William Herring in 1790. Her will mentions six sons and one daughter Phoebe. The names of the sons and their wives follow: William and Mary (Fawcett); Zebulon and Mary (Tallman); Henry and Susan (Tallman); John and Ann (Tallman); Isaac (wife unknown); Abraham and Grace (Harrison). The daughter Phoebe married William Cooper.

Lydia Lincoln, 1748-

Lydia was the twin sister of Hannah Lincoln and very little is known about her. Apparently she was not married at the time her father made his will, but she is said to have married one of the Brians of which there was a large family near the Lincoln home. It is thought that possibly she remained in Virginia.

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Jacob Lincoln, 1751-1822

The only son of John Lincoln to remain permanently in Virginia was Jacob. He was born November 6, 1751, in Pennsylvania; married Dorcas Robinson, daughter of David and Dorcas Robinson, August 29, 1780, in Rockingham County; and died February 20, 1822, at his home on Linville Creek. His wife survived until 1840, and both are buried in the family graveyard on the home farm.

Jacob served as a lieutenant in the Revolutionary War. He acquired a piece of property adjacent to his father's land, and here he first built a cabin. Later in 1800, several years after the death of his father, he built a fine brick house on the old original Lincoln plantation, which still stands

as a monument to his industry. Jacob was a man of considerable property which included several slaves. He and his wife are buried in the Lincoln cemetery and both of their graves are well marked.

The children of Jacob who remained in Virginia in reality constitute the colony of Virginia Lincolns. There were eleven children born to Jacob and Dorcas: David, John, Lydia, Mary, Dorcas, Rebecca, Hannah, Jacob, Abraham, Abigail, and Elizabeth.

*Children of Jacob and
Dorcas Lincoln**David Lincoln, 1781-1849*

It is through the family of David Lincoln that most of the present descendants of the pioneer John Lincoln trace their ancestry. David, the son of Jacob and Dorcas Lincoln, was born at Linville on June 28, 1781. He married Catherine Bright on December 6, 1808. Mr. Lincoln was a farmer and lived at Dayton, Virginia. Later he kept an inn at Lacey Springs.

Nearly all of the children of David and Catherine Bright Lincoln remained in Virginia. There were five sons and three daughters in the family: John Strother, Preston, Benjamin Franklin, Dorcas, Betsy Ann, Abigail, Jacob Nicolas, and Abraham. Biographical sketches of the family appear in a later paragraph.

John Lincoln, 1782-1818

John died as a young man unmarried.

Lydia Lincoln, 1785-1800

Lydia passed away at fifteen years of age.

Mary Lincoln, 1787-

Mary married a Mr. Hinton and migrated to Kentucky. She is said to have located in Shelbyville.

Dorcas Lincoln, 1787-1862

The husband of Dorcas Lincoln was John Strayer, a leading merchant of New Market. Their children were Amanda, Caroline, Hiram Lincoln, Calvin, Jacob Williamson, Emily Susan, Elizabeth, John Romulus, Catherine Mary, Henrietta, Alfred Gossler, and Joseph Beveridge.

Rebecca Lincoln, 1790-1860

Rebecca married first a Mathew Dyer and then a Mr. Hardin, and moved to what later became West Virginia. She had no children by either marriage.

Hannah Lincoln, 1793-1825

Hannah married Joseph Evans, and she passed away at thirty-two years of age, leaving three children, Caroline, Josephine, and Hannah. Caroline married Moses Hammond, Josephine was the wife of David Coffman, and Hannah died in infancy.

Jacob Lincoln, 1795-1848

Jacob Lincoln, son of Jacob (1751-1822) and grandson of Virginia John, was born August 12, 1795. He married Mrs. Nancy (Lionberger) Rhodes of Luray, Virginia, and nine children were born of this marriage: Dorcas, Rebecca, John, Martha, Josephine, Jacob, Angeline, David, Abraham.

Abraham Lincoln, 1799-1851

There was also an Abraham Lincoln born in Virginia ten years be-

fore President Lincoln was born in Kentucky. He married Mary Homan, daughter of John and Mary (Robinson) Homan. They had five children: Mary Elizabeth, Dorcas Lavina, Caroline Amanda, Josephine Rebecca, and Dorcas Sarah. On October 26, 1826, Abraham was a colonel in the Virginia militia and a substantial citizen of Rockingham County.

Abigail Lincoln, 1801-1882

On October 6, 1818, Abigail married Joseph Coffman, a son of David and Elizabeth Strickler Coffman of Page County. He was a farmer and merchant and lived at Dayton, Virginia. They had five children, Jacob, David, Hiram, Joseph, and Joseph Strickler.

Elizabeth Lincoln, 1803-1824

Elizabeth lived but three years after her marriage to Joseph Chrisman in 1821. They had one child, John, usually called "Jack." They migrated to Missouri.

*Children of David and Catherine Lincoln**John Strother Lincoln, 1809-1873*

The oldest son of David and Catherine, John Strother Lincoln, migrated to the west and settled in Moultrie County, Illinois. A pamphlet by Herbert Wells Fay gives a good history of the Moultrie County Lincolns. His wife's name was Hester Ann Burnside whom he married in Maryland in 1831. She was born in Rockingham County, Virginia. Their children were Doralis, David C., Jacob W., James F., and Charlotte

Catherine. The first two children, Doralis who married Lydia Spore, and David who married Nancy McFarland, were born in Virginia. The other three children were born in Ohio. Jacob died at fifteen years of age, James married Lucy Jane Whitaker, and Charlotte became the wife of John C. Thornton.

Preston Lincoln, 1811-1848

The second son, Preston, born in 1811 was a farmer and lived at Dayton and Mt. Crawford. He married Elizabeth Coffman. The names of their children were Albert, who married Mary Koontz; Josephine, who married John Stearn; Mary, who died at eight years of age; Fanny, who married John Wood; Isabel, who married John Ruebush; and David, who is said to have died unmarried in Kansas City.

*Benjamin Franklin Lincoln,
1813-1864*

Benjamin Franklin Lincoln, the third child of David and Catherine, died at Lacey Springs unmarried. He had served in the Virginia Cavalry during the Civil War.

Dorcas Lincoln, 1851-1894

The oldest daughter of David and Catherine, Dorcas Lincoln, married Smith Lofland of Harrisonburg. They had ten children, James, Margaret Catherine, Mary Jane, Henrietta, Frances Elizabeth, Dorman David, Anna McKelvin, Cornelia Smith, Franklin Lincoln, and Ada Winslow.

Betsy Ann Lincoln, 1817-1904

The Koontz family of Rockingham County became related to the Lin-

colns through the marriage of Betsy Ann Lincoln and Peter Perry Koontz. They had eight children: Diana Catherine, David Edward, Ruben Franklin, Ann Eliza, Mary Elizabeth, Philip Peter Perry, Wilson Asbury, and Abraham William.

Abigail Lincoln, 1819-1881

Abigail first married John Shaver by whom she had two children, Smith and Lincoln. Her second husband was John Baldwin. One son was born to them.

Jacob Nicholas Lincoln, 1821-1880

Jacob Nicholas Lincoln, another son of David and Catherine, was born at Dayton, Virginia, in 1821 and married Caroline Homan. He was the proprietor of a mill at Lacey Springs. They had nine children: Virginia married John Taylor, who became a teacher and principal of the Lacey Spring school, and they had no children; Mary Leannah married Jefferson Nicholas and had three girls and three boys; Harvey, a farmer and carpenter, married Henrietta Grandle and had six children; Elizabeth married Charles Nicholas and had three children; Herod lived only a little over a year; Effie married Philip Coiner and had two children; Caroline married John Weaver and had a son and daughter; Nora did not marry; and Jacob married Emma Hupp and lived in Lima, Ohio, where their two children were born.

Abraham Lincoln, 1822-1905

Abraham, the youngest son of David and Catherine, was a farmer and served in the militia during the

Civil War. He became the first postmaster of Lacey Springs which he unwittingly named. He also signed his name A. B. Lincoln, although he had no middle name. His wife's name before their marriage was Mary Hughes of Bristol, Tennessee, and she bore him six children. John Edward, the oldest son, married Amanda Kline and settled as a practicing physician at Lacey Springs. Dr. and Mrs. Lincoln had two children, Asa Liggett and Robert Edson. Diana, the second child, died in early childhood. Jetson Jackson married Sallie Stuart Sipe of Sparta, Virginia, and became a school executive. They had two children, Abraham Lucius and Jennings Sipe. Samuel Walden, a farmer, married Ella Lee Long of Melrose, Virginia, and there were four children born to this union. Lucy married Robert Bradford of Orkney Springs, Virginia, and they had six children. Katie married S. S. Gordon and had no children.

Children of Jacob and Nancy Lincoln

Dorcas Lincoln, 1822-1892

Rebecca Lincoln, 1822-1904

Dorcas and Rebecca, twin daughters of Jacob and Nancy Lincoln, were born on July 24, 1822. Dorcas married George Tisinger by whom she had one child Anna. Rebecca's husband was Beal Pence, and they had five children, Mary Lavenia, John Lincoln, Ida Angeline, Charles Lee, and Alice Rebecca. Both families remained in Virginia.

John Lincoln, 1824-1829

John married Nancy Driver and they resided near Singers Glen, Vir-

ginia. They lost their property by fire when the Union soldiers marched through the valley. They had no children.

Martha Lincoln, 1826-1848

Martha was born at Luray, Virginia, and died unmarried.

Josephine Lincoln, 1828-1849

Josephine was twice married, first to Samuel Stover and then to Thomas Almond. The names of the two children by her first husband were Elizabeth and Nannie. There were no offspring by the second marriage.

Jacob Broadus Lincoln, 1830-1898

Jacob Broadus Lincoln was married three times. By the first wife, Mary Jasper, there were nine children; by his second wife, Mrs. Sarah Jones Shipman, and by his third wife, Dorcas Sarah Emeline Maupin, there were none. Of the nine children, William, a farmer, married Sallie Ann Shewey and had six children; John, also a farmer, married first Willie Hill and then Mrs. Lula (Adams) Brown and had one son by each; Ida married Erasmus Pultz, a farmer of Lexington, and had four children; Mattie Belle married Charles Rodes and had two sons and two daughters; Ashby, a farmer living at Tye River, Virginia, married Julia Whitehead and they had a boy and a girl; Charles married Kate Bowles and they had two daughters; George, Sallie, and another child died in infancy.

Angeline Lincoln, 1832-1901

The husband of Angeline was Lorenzo Sibert Printz who lived at Luray. The names of their two chil-

dren were Lavinia Arribella and Ida Annie.

David Lincoln, 1833-

Little is known about the history of David, but he is said to have died at Santa Fe, New Mexico, at an unknown date. He was unmarried.

***Abraham Randolph Lincoln,
1835-1875***

This Abraham Lincoln also migrated to the west and married Celia Helen Hobbs at Independence, Missouri. Abraham died at Denver, Colorado. A daughter, Nancy, married Arthur Andrew Wallace.

**Children of Abraham and Mary
Homan Lincoln**

Mary Elizabeth, 1827-1905

The oldest child of Abraham and Mary Homan Lincoln, Mary Elizabeth, married a physician, Richard Maupin. She had three children, Abraham Lincoln Maupin, whose wife was Emma Campbell; a daughter who died in infancy; and Dorcas Sarah Emeline who married Jacob Broadus Lincoln. After the death of her first husband, Mary Elizabeth married John Dyer Pennybacker, a member of the Virginia legislature whose father was a United States senator. By this marriage there were three children, Mary Lee, Kate Abigail, and John Dyer.

Dorcas Lavina, 1829-1830

The second daughter of Abraham and Mary Lincoln, named Dorcas Lavina, lived but a year, and is buried in the old family burial ground at Linville.

Caroline Amanda, 1831-1899

Caroline Amanda, Abraham's third child, married John Brock, son of Archibald and Sarah Brock. In early life he was an officer in the regular army and served in the Mexican War. He was appointed captain of the Valley Rangers in the Civil War. He became a prosperous farmer and dealer in livestock. The children of John Brock and Caroline to reach maturity were Charles, Abraham, Arizona, Mary, Sarah, Carrie, Rebecca, Edna, and Hugh. There was also a child who died in infancy.

Josephine Rebecca, 1833-1903

Josephine Rebecca, another daughter of Abraham and Mary, married William Chapman, a dentist at Staunton. She resided at Staunton after the marriage and is buried there. There were two daughters, Mary and Carrie D., born to Dr. and Mrs. Chapman.

Dorcas Sarah, 1837-1852

The youngest child of Abraham and Mary was a daughter named Dorcas Sarah, who died unmarried in 1852 and is buried at Linville.

NOTE: Without the help of Waldo Lincoln's "History of the Lincoln Family" this compilation would have been impossible.